and initiated steps to evolve an integrated stratigy to improve domestic consumption of coffee.

Closure of large engineering units

1716. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to large amount of imports of machinery/ machine parts/engineering goods, manufacturing industry is in very bad shape in India;

(b) if so, the action propose to take to stop sickness in this industry;

(c) the amount of money of the banks locked in engineering industry for the last three years;

(d) the number of large engineering units closed down for the last three years; and

(e) the number of skilled/unskilled lost jobs because of the closure of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) No, Sir. Imports of machinery during April-March 2000-01 have shown a decline of-10.76 per cent over the corresponding period of previous year. Item-wise details of improts of major engineering goods for the previous two years arc as below:

Imports (US $ Million)

Items	1999-2000	200OOI	Growth (%)
Machine Tools Machinery	261.47	218.27	-16.52
other than Electric Electrical	2744.97	2754.29	0.34
Machinery Transport	437.84	472.04	7.81
Equipment	1136.57	643.06	-43.40
Machinery (Total)	4580.85	4087.96	-10.76

The prevailing slowdown in the manufacturing sector, however, is due to slow growth in demand; infrastructure bottlenecks; and high input and funding costs.

(b) Since large number of engineering industries are in Central Public Sector, the Department of Heavy Industry has taken steps to restructure and modernize these companies with a view to make them globally competitive. A turnaround strategy has already been approved for some of the CPSUs involving organizational and financial restructuring and manpower rationalization. The Government is also providing funds to rehabilitate the viable sick industries. So far 25 CPSUs from engineering industry have been referred to BIFR. The Reserve Bank of India has also issued guidelines to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions or rehabilitation of sick but potentially viable units without reference to RBI both in the large and small scale sectors.

(c) to (e) The details of number of units closed during the last three years, the workers affected thereof, and the outstanding bank credit in engineering industry during last three years are as under:

	1998	1999	2000
No. of Units closed* $	50	29	17
Workers affected*	2522	761	450
Outstanding bank credit (Rs. crore)**	22,833	21,513	23,069

*Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla **Source: Reserve Bank of India $ The units covered are those covered by Industrial Disputes Act 1947.

Meeting on copyright piracy

1717. PROF: (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to encounter the rise in crimes of copyright piracy and infringement, a meeting of State officials was recently held in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions taken at the meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b)A Conference of officials of the State Governments and Union Territories was convened on 12th June, 2001 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the purpose of creating awareness relating to the Copyright Act and for interaction with copyright industry organisations. There was broad consensus on strengthening the enforcement of copyright.